

2 April 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Nicosia Bureau--March

I. GENERAL

A. Status of Bureau Relocation--The Archbishop of Cyprus has approved the draft lease on the bureau's new site; the lease will be signed once clear title to the site is obtained and registered. Meanwhile, plans for the new bureau supplied by headquarters have been passed to local architects/engineers, who are to provide initial cost figures.

B. Security--A hand grenade was thrown into the Royal Jordanian Airlines office in Nicosia on 21 March; there were no casualties, though property damage was done. Local police believe that the attack was perpetrated by Palestinians who oppose 'Arafat and Jordan. Responsibility was claimed by the Palestinian "Black September" organization, according to an AFP item filed by the bureau.

Later that afternoon, the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation received an anonymous telephone call claiming that the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia would be the "next" target of an attack "today". Additional security precautions resulted, involving a tight cordon of manned roadblocks on all roads leading to the Embassy, which remained in place at month's end.

C. Reception Survey--Bureau cruising monitor and senior technician conducted a 48-hour reception survey at the new Cyprus Telecommunications Authority (CYTA) station at Lara, Paphos 13-15 March. Results favor the transfer of bureau's remote operation now situated at Kili to Lara; planning for that shift is now underway.

D. Beverage Antenna--Bureau has secured CYTA approval for the location of a new beverage antenna at CYTA's site in Pissouri, which would significantly improve reception of both Lebanese and Greek transmitters. Negotiations with CYTA on cost and procedures are in progress.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. AFP's announcement, filed by the bureau, of the death of leader Konstantin Chernenko generated a critic at Headquarters.

2. An internal crisis in Lebanese President Amin al-Jumayyil's Phalangist Party touched off a deterioration in the security situation in Lebanon when dismissed Phalangist official Samir Ja'Ja' proclaimed himself commander of an "uprising" within the Lebanese Forces. Fierce clashes ensued between the supporters and opponents of Ja'Ja' and his cohorts. The clandestine Radio Free Lebanon, the voice of the rightist hardliners in the Lebanese Forces, was suddenly unheard on 13 March after having reported favorably on the uprising. It resumed broadcasts on 14 March, announcing that its transmission had been interrupted by faults in equipment. The bureau kept a close watch on both RFL and the Phalangist Voice of Lebanon thereafter, providing radio behavior reports to MOD.

B. Technical

1. The Engineering section provided all the necessary technical support for a reception survey at Lara.
2. We responded to a call for help from ICA and repaired two of their Extel AH RO printers.
3. Two ARA model BBH-160 antennas were received from Washington.
4. One mains check set together with a chart recorder were bought locally for area use.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The bureau has now offered employment as Arabic monitors to three Egyptians. Two are in processing in Cairo, and processing of the third in Paris is to begin shortly.
2. [redacted] departed 28 March to attend the Bureau Chief's Conference.
3. Editor [redacted] arrived 29 March on a 3-month training TDY.
4. Arabic/Hebrew Monitor [redacted] returned from a 1-month TDY at Tel Aviv Bureau 24 March.

B. Visitors

1. [redacted] deputy chief of Headquarter's Communications Section, visited the bureau 7-14 March.
2. [redacted] arrived TDY 31 March to provide bureau employees with 4 days' training in safehaven techniques.

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Acting/Bureau Chief
FBIS/Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHEMENT:

Production Report

NICOSIA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	325,200
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	95,600
(WIREFILED PROGRAM SAMMARIES	55,500)
(FYI'S, ADMINS, SVC., CRUISING,	40,100)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,088

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: -----			
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	10,105	21,840	146
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN	0

CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ARAB LEBANON IN	
ARABIC	14,100
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN	
ARABIC	13,700
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN	
ENGLISH	1,300
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF THE MOUNTAIN IN	
ARABIC	7,600

CYPRUS

NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	200	
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK	13,400	
NICOSIA TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	300	
NICOSIA TELEVISION SERVICE IN GREEK	1,200	
NICOSIA CYPRUS MAIL IN ENGLISH		400
NICOSIA I ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK		900
NICOSIA I ELEUTHEROTIPIA TIS DHEFTERAS IN GREEK		0
NICOSIA I SIMERINI IN GREEK		600
NICOSIA I SIMERINI TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK		0
NICOSIA KHARAVYI IN GREEK		900
NICOSIA KHARAVYI TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK		0
NICOSIA O AGON IN GREEK		1,500
NICOSIA O AGON TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK		0
NICOSIA O FILELEVTHEROS IN GREEK		2,200
NICOSIA O FILELEVTHEROS TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK		0
NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN ENGLISH		3,400
NICOSIA TA NEA IN GREEK		1,500
(EDITORIAL REPORT IN GREEK)		1,200

EGYPT

CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	23,500	
CAIRO MENA IN ARABIC		61,300
CAIRO MENA IN ENGLISH		1,900
(EDITORIAL REPORT IN ARABIC)	200	

FRANCE	
PARIS AFP IN	
ENGLISH	27,700
GREECE	
ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
GREEK	14,100
ATHENS AKROPOLIS IN	
GREEK	700
ATHENS AKROPOLIS TIS KIRIAKIS IN	
GREEK	0
ATHENS ATHENS NEWS IN	
ENGLISH	2,300
ATHENS ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN	
GREEK	1,100
ATHENS EXORMISI TIS KIRIAKIS IN	
GREEK	0
ATHENS I KATHIMERINI IN	
GREEK	1,500
ATHENS KIRIAKATIKI ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN	
GREEK	0
ATHENS MESIMURINI IN	
GREEK	600
ATHENS NEA PORIA IN	
GREEK	0
ATHENS RIZOSPASTIS IN	
GREEK	1,000
ATHENS TO VIMA TIS KIRIAKIS IN	
GREEK	0

IRAQ
 BAGHDAD IN
 PERSIAN TO IRAN 1,100

LEBANON
 BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 58,200
 BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ENGLISH 500
 BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN
 ARABIC 33,600
 BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN
 ENGLISH 200
 IHDIK RADIO OF FREE & UNIFIED
 LEBANON IN
 ARABIC 1,600
 BEIRUT AL-NAHAR IN
 ARABIC 0
 BEIRUT AL-SAFIR IN
 ARABIC 10,300
 BEIRUT MONDAY MORNING IN
 ENGLISH 0

LIBYA
 TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ARABIC 1,700

TURKEY	
ANKARA YANKI IN	
TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL BULVAR IN	
TURKISH	400
ISTANBUL CUMHURİYET IN	
TURKISH	1,100
ISTANBUL DUNYA IN	
TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL GUNAYDIN IN	
TURKISH	1,500
ISTANBUL GUNES IN	
TURKISH	700
ISTANBUL HURRIYET IN	
TURKISH	600
ISTANBUL MILLIYET IN	
TURKISH	2,500
ISTANBUL TERCUMAN IN	
TURKISH	1,400

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC	
MOSCOW IN	
GREEK TO CYPRUS	700
MOSCOW IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN	8,800